



**King County
Elections**

King County Department of Elections

Customer Service Information Notice CSI-13 (Effective January, 2016)

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

Adjustment of Campaign Contribution Limits for January 2016 through December 2018

OFFICIAL NOTICE

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

King County Code 1.05.105 state as follows:

Adjustment of dollar "At the beginning of each even-numbered calendar year elections division shall increase or decrease all dollar amounts in this chapter based on changes in economic conditions as reflected in the inflationary index used by the Washington state Public Disclosure Commission under RCW 42.17.370...."

Historically, the Elections Department has made its biennial adjustments based on the inflationary index and computations used by the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC), to determine adjustments in the dollar amount used in campaign contribution rules.

In 2006, the State Legislature amended RCW 42.17.640 (1) (c) to impose limits on contributions to candidates seeking election to county offices in jurisdictions having over 200,000 registered voters. These limits are also to be adjusted for inflation in accordance with RCW 42.17.690.

On January 29, 2016, the Public Disclosure Commission approved revisions to WAC 390-05-400. The contribution limits for candidates for county offices is established within WAC and become effective February 29, 2016.

REVISION

Based on the new dollar amounts established by the PDC, the campaign contribution dollar limit established in KCC 1.05.040 (A) is adjusted for the period years 2016 through 2018 to:

Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) (\$1,000 per Election)

in the aggregate during the period from January 1, after the date of the previous general election through December 31, after the upcoming general election, to any candidate for the office of King County Executive, King County Council, King County Sheriff, King County Director of Elections or King County Assessor.

EFFECTIVE DATES

Due to the changes established by the PDC, this revision is effective January 1, 2016 and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2018, unless sooner superseded by county directive.

Director, King County Department of Elections

Distribution:

King County Executive
King County Councilmembers
King County Sheriff
King County Assessor
Major King County Political Parties